

# SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER PROGRAMS

## Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park

### Programs At a Glance

### Program Descriptions

#### TUESDAY

- 11am–12pm: Found on the Farm

#### WEDNESDAY

- 11am–12pm: Found on the Farm

#### THURSDAY

- 10-10:30: Morning Nature Walk
- 11am-12pm: Found on the Farm
- 2-3pm: Canal Walk (see program description for dates)

#### FRIDAY

- 10:30-11:30am: Kidleidoscope
- 5pm: Monthly Hikes

#### SATURDAY

- 10-11am: Autumn Tree Walk
- 1–2pm: Canal Walk

#### MONTHLY HIKES

- Friday September 24, 6-8pm : *Sunset Hike to Lookout Rock*
- Saturday September 25, 10am-12am: *Reading New England's Forests*
- Friday October 22, 3-6pm: *Foliage Hike at Upton State Forest*
- Saturday October 30, 10am-12pm: *Reading New England's Forests*

Programs are free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. **An adult must accompany all children under the age of 15.** Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. Please dress for the outdoors with sturdy footwear, and bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent.

Programs are subject to cancellation based on staff availability and weather conditions. Please call the park at 508-278-7604 for inclement weather and trail updates.

Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/covid) for more guidance.

**There will be no programs on September 8, September 14, September 15**



Wheelchair accessible



Designed for kids



Fun for the whole family



Hiking

#### FOUND ON THE FARM



Before River Bend Farm was a state park it was a working farm. Come explore artifacts and farm tools that tell the story of this historic farm. This is a drop in program and is appropriate for all ages.

*This outdoor program takes place at the farm bridge.*

#### MORNING NATURE WALK



Take a morning walk around the field paths and along the river, see what the park looks like as it wakes up. Leashed dogs welcome.

*Meet at the River Bend Farm Visitor Center, Suitable for all ages.*

*Approximately one mile on level terrain.*

#### CANAL WALK



Join us on a guided walk along the Blackstone Canal. Find out about the canal's historical and cultural significance and its role in the farm to factory transformation of the Blackstone Valley. *All walks meet at the start location. All ages welcome.*

- River Bend Farm Visitor Center** September 2, September 16, September 18, September 25, September 30
- Blackstone lot of the Blackstone River Greenway**, 93 Canal St, Blackstone September 4
- Millville lot of the Blackstone River Greenway**, 44 Hope St, Millville September 11, October 23
- Plummer's Landing**, Church St Extension, Northbridge October 9
- Blackstone Gorge**, County St, Blackstone October 16

#### KIDLEIDOSCOPE



Join us on the lawn behind the River Bend Farm Visitor Center for a nature themed story time, followed by a short nature walk and a craft activity.

*Meets rain or shine, during inclement weather program will move inside the Visitor Center. Appropriate for ages 3-6, siblings are welcome.*

#### AUTUMN TREE WALK



Enjoy the changing of the season and learn to identify the different trees we have at River Bend Farm. We will talk about what causes the changes we see on the trees around us.

*Meet at the River Bend Farm Visitor Center. This will be an easy walk appropriate for all ages. Approximately 1/2 mile .*

### Monthly Hikes

#### SUNSET HIKE TO LOOKOUT ROCK



Join us for a hike to watch the sunset over the Blackstone River Valley. This 3 mile round trip moderate hike along King Philips Trail will break at a scenic lookout. This forest trail has roots and rocks along the path. Flashlights or headlamps recommended.

*Meet At 366 East Hartford Ave, Uxbridge, MA 01569 – Rice City Pond Parking Lot. Suitable for ages 8 and up.*

#### READING NEW ENGLAND'S FORESTS



Discover what our forests can tell us about the past, learn about historic stone walls and man-made features in our local forests as we hike along the Blackstone Canal to Goat Hill Lock. Learn how these stone features across Massachusetts tell stories of a bygone New England.

*Meet at the River Bend Farm Visitor Center. Suitable for ages 10 and above. Approximately 2.5 mile over uneven terrain.*

#### UPTON STATE FOREST FOLIAGE HIKE



Join us as we explore the forest as it changes colors for the season on this 4 mile hike through Upton State Forest. We will be hiking past the scenic Whistling cave and up the steep Grouse trail. Program will meet at the CCC Headquarters building. This hike ranges from easy to difficult. Portions of the trail are hilly and steep. This forest trail has roots and rocks along the path.

*Meet at the CCC Headquarters Building at Upton State Forest. Suitable for ages 10 and up.*



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